

News from the Bay County Executive

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Upcoming Board of Commissioners' Meetings



May 4 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting

May 11 - Board of Commissioners' Meeting

New E-Ticketing System will Save Time and Increase Officer Safety

The Bay County Sheriff's Office and Bay County Courts will move to electronic traffic citations through "E-Ticketing" soon. The county will switch from hand-written citations in filing cabinets to a computerized system.

The new system will allow police officers to run vehicles and people in the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) from their patrol car laptops simply by swiping a driver's license through a device similar to a credit card machine. Officers can transfer the data from LEIN onto a traffic citation by the touch of a button, and, within seconds, an 8" x 11" paper citation will print from the patrol car.

While E-Ticketing will ensure accuracy, Undersheriff Michael Janiske and Administrative Deputy Terry Doyle say the new system will more importantly improve officer safety and save time for county employees. "By reducing traffic stops from 10-15 minutes to 2-5 minutes, 1,000 man hours per year will be saved with E-Ticketing. Those hours can be applied to more patrol time and other important tasks," said Undersheriff Janiske.



They are estimating six to eight months before all local law enforcement agencies and the Bay County Courts will be electronically in sync with the E-Ticketing system.

Improvements to Bay County West Side Regional Sewage Disposal System

At this month's Board of Commissioners' meeting, the Bay County West Side Regional Sewage Disposal System was approved to make improvements and expansions to the West Bay County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. This investment will likely eliminate any future combined sewer overflows (CSO) from the facility.

Some enhancements to the plant will include: construction of an overflow basin and anaerobic digester system, enlargement of the chlorine contact chamber, and

May 18 -
Personnel/Judicial
& Human Services
Committee
Meetings

**May 31 - County
Building Closed for
Memorial Day**

** All BOC meetings
take place at 4pm on
the 4th floor of the Bay
County Building

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improvement to piping. Renovation costs are estimated not to exceed \$5 million.

"Recovery Zone" Allocations Made to the City of Bay City and Pinconning Township

In September 2009, the Bay County Board of Commissioners adopted Bay County as a "Recovery Zone" within the meaning of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. As a "Recovery Zone," Bay County was allocated \$6.6 million by the Federal Recovery Zone Economic Development Program.

Two units of government within Bay County applied for funding and were allotted money for improvements. The City of Bay City received \$5,862,000 to complete street, water, and sewer infrastructure projects in 2010. Pinconning Township received \$750,000 to construct a water line extension and make improvements to their M-13 water main.

MDNRE Bacteria Sources Tracking Grant Awarded to Bay County Health Department



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment awarded the Bay County Health Department \$90,000 to improve the quality of local beaches. The grant will go towards developing a forecasting method and

identifying potential sources of pollution through implementation of a comprehensive sanitary survey of local beaches.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Bay County Health Department.

Sincerely,

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